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Re: *New U.S. Utility Patent Application*
Divisional of U.S. Appl. No. 09/467,384, filed: December 21, 1999
Appl. No.: (to be assigned)
Filed: February 13, 2001
For: Apparatus and Method for Withdrawing
and Dewatering Slag from a Gasification System
Inventors: John D. Winter; Rajasekar Kamarthi; Thomas F. Leininger;
Katherine S. Lee; Chih-Hao M. Tsang; Pravit Vasantachart
Attorney Docket No: 06950.0167.DVUS02

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a divisional application of prior Appl. No. 09/467,384, consisting of the following documents:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05
2. Form PTO-1082
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application, entitled:
Apparatus and Method for Withdrawing
and Dewatering Slag from a Gasification System

and naming as inventors:

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the application comprising:

- a. The specification containing:
 - (i) Thirty-four (34) pages of description prior to the claims;

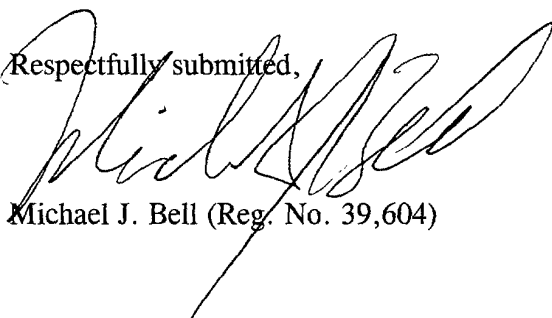
- (ii) Fifteen (15) pages of claims (numbered 1-146);
- (iii) One (1) page abstract;
- b. Eleven (11) sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2a-2e, 3a-3b, and 4-9);
- c. Copy of the executed combined inventors' Declaration and Power of Attorney from prior application no. 09/467,384;
- 4. A Preliminary Amendment;
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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
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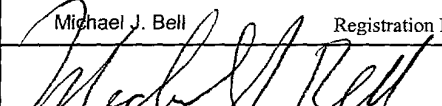
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For: **Apparatus and Method for Withdrawing and Dewatering Slag from a Gasification System**

Enclosed are:

☒ **34** pages of Specification, including **14** pages of claims (numbered 1-146)

☒ **11** sheets of informal drawings; **1** page of Abstract

☐ An assignment of the invention to _____

☐ A certified copy of a _____ application.

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and References.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Executed Power of Attorney from Assignee

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